scheme for the rural and unorganised workers;

(b) whether Government also propose to evolve a floor minimum wage for workers in the construction and beedi industries, in consultation with the State Labour Ministers; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and by when these measures are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) There are no such proposals, for the present.

(c) Does not arise.

Association of MPs in IRDP etc. in Andhra Pradesh

1743. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that MPs belonging to all parties are associated in the implementation of the Schemes like IRDP, NREP and RLEGP etc., in the States;

(b) whether Government are aware that non-ruling party MPs in the State of Andhra Pradesh are not associated with the implementation of these schemes; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to see that Members of Parliament of all parties are associated in the implementation of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and the National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) are required to be implemented through the District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) as per the guidelines of the Government of India. For Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP), the states may nominate the DRDAs for its implementation although it is open to the State to nominate any other appropriate agency. The expenditure on the DRDAs is shared between the Govt. of India and the States on 50:50 basis. In Karnataka the functions of the DRDAs have been merged with Zila Parishads. In Andhra Pradesh, the NREP is being implemented through the Zila Parishads. As per the guidelines, every DRDA has a Governing Body usually under the chairmanship of the Collector of the district and with all Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) of the district as members. Since the DRDAs generally coordinate the planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the programmes in the district, all the members of the Governing Body are associated in the scheme implemented by the DRDAs/Zila Parishads.

(b) and (c) Whenever individual cases of lapse on the part of the State Governments for not following the guidelines issued for implementation of various programmes are brought to the notice of the Central Government, immediate action is taken so that the same get rectified. For Andhra Pradesh, a representation was received in 1986 that only two MLAs and one MP were being represented at DRDA Governing Body in the State. Subsequently, as per Andhra Pradesh G.O.M.s No. 499 dated 9.10.1986 the State Government nominated all the members of Parliament and members of Legislative Assemblies in the district as members of the Governing Body of DRDAs.